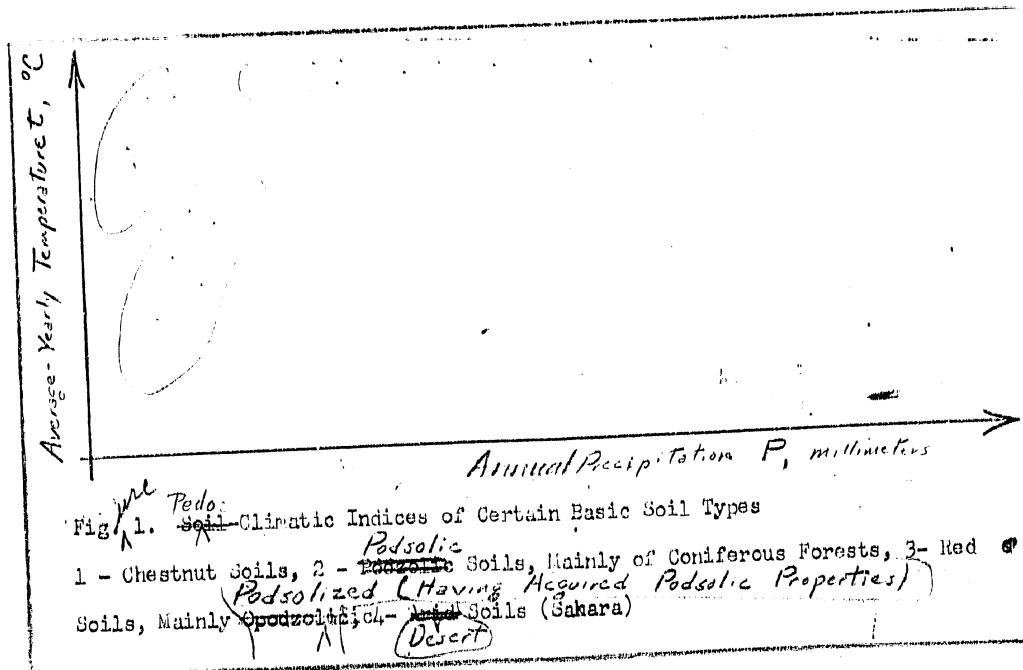


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The soil map of the world compiled by academician L. N. Prasolov (in  
Volume I of the Great Soviet World Atlas), which objectively synthesized  
the factual data on the soils of the world obtained by Soviet and foreign  
pedologists and permit studies  
soil scientists, made it possible to study soil-climate relationships on  
the basis of the newest and most accurate data of world soil and climatic  
cartography.

The climatic characteristics of all the soil types represented on  
this world soil map were obtained by superimposing (on the soil map) the maps  
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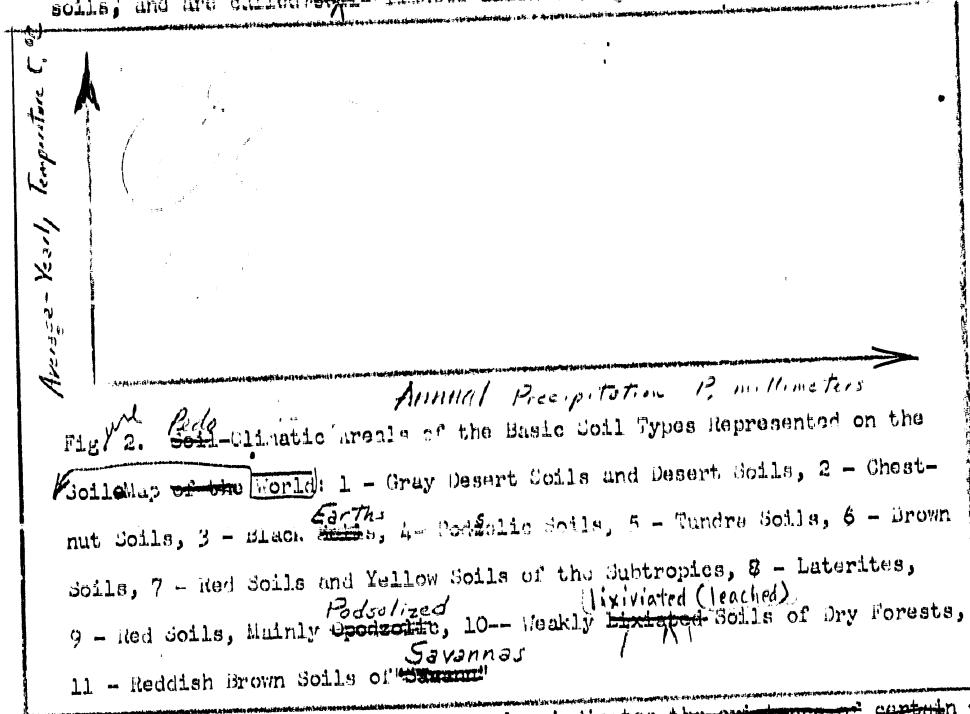


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the climatic <sup>indices</sup> for each soil type are arranged in groups within definite boundaries of climatic conditions. This ~~last~~ permits isolation, on this climatic graph, certain <sup>regions</sup> with a predominance of climatic indices with respect to <sup>one</sup> or another soil type. These <sup>are</sup> characterized the climatic conditions governing the spread of the individual soils, and are called "pedo-climatic areas" (Figure 2). The form of the



The form of the individual <sup>areas</sup> indicates the existence of certain several pedo-climatic series. Consideration of the entire set of pedo-climatic areas <sup>one to</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>permits</sup> <sup>curvilinear series</sup> <sup>limits</sup> the climatic conditions governing the spread of gray desert, <sup>chernozem</sup>, black earth, and podzolic soils. <sup>(Clearly evident is)</sup> The series of the <sup>areas</sup> of podzolic soil formations, including tundra soils, podzolic, brown forest, yellow-earth subtropic and

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red earth, <sup>rain</sup> mainly ~~podzolic~~, soils of equatorial ~~forest~~ forests, are evidenced very clearly. The possibility of subdivision <sup>of</sup> into series of the second-order which would separate the first series into certain thermal variants is also definitely indicated.

The regular behavior of the curves hinted at the existence of a certain general dependence and thus the behavior was studied mathematically. The Flerofov's studies (1) showed that all the curves could be described by one general formula:  $t = 43.2 \lg P - Hf$ . This formula was found by constructing a graph of the dependency  $t = f(\lg P)$  for a line which serves as the boundary between the black earth (2) and forest-steppe (3) hydroseries, which occupy a middle position in the system of hydrothermotypes and (4) most fully substantiated by the soil-climatic species found. Logarithmic anamorphosis of this curve was proved rectilinear with an angular coefficient of 43.2. The remaining hydroseries corresponds well with the curves calculated with the aid of this formula when different values of  $Hf$  are used (the quantity  $Hf$  is called the hydrofactor).

The new series of curves (Figure 3), compiled on the basis of the  
above formula, corresponds almost exactly with the initial series of curves.  
This in itself indicates that the initial curves actually reflect a certain  
real and general regularity.

The following question naturally arose: what is the basis for the differences exposed by these curves? The order of the change of the soil series from gray desert soils through chestnut and black soils to podzolic indicates that the individual series differ chiefly in the moisture conditions.

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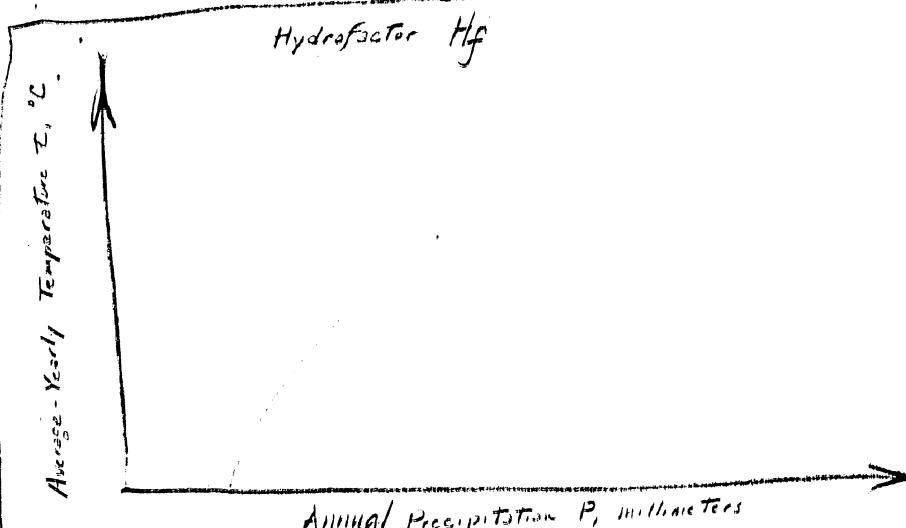
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Hydrofactor  $H_f$ 

Fig. 3. The System of Soil Hydrothermotypes

Hydroseries: A - Desert, B - Gray Desert Soils, C - Chestnut, D - Shuck Earth, E - Podzolic, F - Gleyed ~~Y~~podzolic (conditional names adopted for several ~~several~~ most characteristic soil types).

Thermoseries: I - Arctic, II - Subarctic, III - Moderate - Cold, IV - Moderate, V - Moderate - Warm, VI - Subtropic, VII - Tropic

This supposition is fully confirmed by comparison ~~with~~ values of  $H_f$  with ~~wetting~~ coefficient ~~of moisture~~  $K$ , which expresses the ratio of precipitation to evaporation (Figure 4). The general character of the very clear curve obtained shows that ~~wetting~~ (coefficient ~~of moisture~~)  $K$  characterizes ~~natural~~ ~~wetting~~ ~~the conditions of moisture~~ (formally) and the quantity  $H_f$  expresses certain ~~natural~~ ~~wetting~~ variations ~~wetting~~. Starting ~~from~~ the known upper limit of atmospheric ~~wetting~~ corresponding ~~approximately~~ to conditions when ~~wetting~~ maximum saturation of soils and ~~excess~~ of precipitation flowing ~~above~~ the surface ~~wetting~~, the hydrofactor  $H_f$  remains unchanged, characterized ~~as~~ the condition of maximum ~~wetting~~ ~~saturation~~ of soils.

The demarcation point of the curve corresponds to equilibrium ~~wetting~~ when the amount of precipitation equals evaporation. This point corresponds to the point where the curve begins to rise.

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ponds to a hydrofactor lying in the black soil hydroseries. Thus, it may be concluded that hydroseries must reflect the qualitative difference in the composition of the water balance of a soil stratum.

Hydroseries  
Hydrofactor  $H_f$



$$\text{Formula of the Curve is : } H_f = 145 - 36.44 K^{-0.311}$$

Relative Wetting K

Fig. 4. The Dependence between the Relative ~~Wetting~~ <sup>Wetting</sup> K=precipitation/evaporation and the hydrofactor  $H_f$ , from ~~the~~ <sup>1941</sup> data of meteorological stations of the world (evaporation was calculated according to S. I. Ivanov's formula.)

The difference in ~~wetting~~, apparently, determines first of all the conditions of migration of weathering products along the soil profile. In this respect, there is ~~foundation~~ <sup>Vysotskiy's ideas (2) in the</sup> for subdividing hydroseries Vysotskiy's ~~ideas~~. Vysotskiy distinguished hydroseries of insufficient wetting as non-washed (impermucide) and hydroseries of high ~~wetting~~ <sup>wetting</sup> as washed (permacide). Consequently, having separated hydroseries according to certain, still not completely clear gradations of "unwashability" or "washability", it is possible to transfer from formal ~~climatic~~ characteristics to strictly genetic representations.

The nature of thermoseries should also be considered. Comparison of the average-yearly temperature and the average-yearly ~~daily~~ <sup>diurnal insolation</sup> radiation balance for ~~the~~ latitudes of the northern hemisphere shows that a direct ~~con-~~ <sup>relationships</sup>

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<sup>b6</sup> exists between these climatic characteristics. Consequently, ~~one may shift~~ <sup>one may shift</sup> in dealing with thermoseries ~~is transfer~~ from formal characteristics dealing with ~~the~~ average-yearly temperature to ~~the~~ heat balance representations.

It is also possible to speak of thermal types of weathering. <sup>Zemysatchenskiy</sup> ~~There is~~, for example, definitely confirmations <sup>of</sup> the presence of the northern type of <sup>(3)</sup> weathering <sup>(4)</sup> (~~Zemysatchenskiy et al.~~). The concepts of Reifenberg ~~et al.~~, Fageler <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6), etc.</sup> and others, emphasizing the uniqueness of weathering ~~in tropical~~ <sup>conditions,</sup> are widely known. Several researchers concerned with the study of mineral colloids have also concluded that ~~mineral colloids of different~~ thermal zones are different (~~Antipov-Kareyev et al., Smirnov et al., and others~~). Finally, the recent works of Academician B. B. Polynov <sup>(8)</sup> on the soils of Western Georgia also brought out the uniqueness of weathering ~~in subtropical~~ <sup>al conditions.</sup>

The system discussed of soil hydro- and thermoseries is called the ~~the~~ <sup>above</sup> ~~of~~ soil hydrothermotypes. Hydrothermotypes are understood to mean units of soil formation which reflect qualitative differences in soil-climatic relationships. Hydrothermotypes are represented in the form of spatially repeating soil aggregates, which are stages in the process of soil formation, developing under the <sup>combined</sup> influence and interaction of hydrothermal, lithogenous, and biogenous forming agents. This development is unique and heterogeneous soil features, but takes place <sup>mainly</sup> in each hydrothermotype, depending upon the hydrothermal conditions ("primary climatic belts"). The change <sup>variation</sup> of soils within the limits of hydrothermotypes is due mainly to the evolution of the topography and vegetation and also with cultivation effects, i.e., is connected with the evolutionary changes in soil formation types.

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Thus, starting from <sup>pedo</sup> soil-climatic regularities, we ~~arrive at~~ the concept of genetic series of soil formation, i.e., ~~we come to a system~~ essentially ~~dependent on the climate~~.

The problem of which soil aggregates correspond to individual hydro-thermotypes is partially ~~solved~~ <sup>answered by</sup> consideration of the distribution of <sup>pedo</sup> areas <sup>needed is</sup> species in the system of hydrothermotypes (Fig. 2), but this presentation is schematic in nature. A stricter clarification of the composition of soil formations corresponding to the individual hydro-thermotypes ~~is necessary, and moreover throughout the entire system of~~ soil formations. The following method can be used to solve this problem.

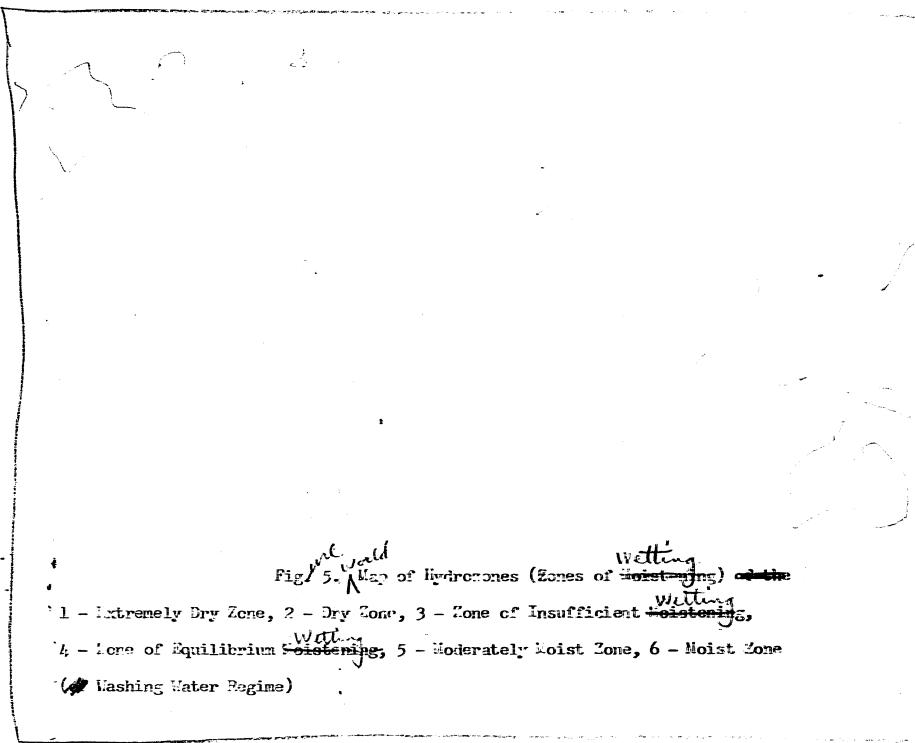
The system of soil hydrothermotypes suggested reflects the most essential climatic differences. The family of intersecting curves of hydro-series and thermoseries subdivides the climatic conditions within the limits of the characteristics shown on the graph into a series of climatic regions ~~fields~~, which are called climatotypes.

Inasmuch as the curves of the hydroseries correspond to essential qualitative differences in the <sup>wetting</sup> conditions, it seemed possible (on the basis of the graph of hydrothermotypes, according to the map of average-yearly temperatures and the map of yearly totals of precipitation) to draw up a map of hydrozones (Fig. 5). This map shows the distribution of the land surface of the zones with values of average-yearly temperature and yearly totals of precipitation lying in boundaries characteristic of the <sup>individual</sup> hydroseries. A map of thermozone <sup>of</sup> similar to this map of hydrozones (from the same material) was also drawn up corresponding to the values of the average-yearly temperature and the yearly amount of precipitation lying within the boundaries of the individual thermoseries.

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Figure 6. Map of Thermo zones of the World:

1 - Arctic Zone, 2 - Subarctic Zone With an Extremely Cold active Period; 3 -  
Subarctic Zone, 4 - Moderately Cold Zone, 5 - Moderate Zone, 6 - Moderately-  
Warm Zone, 7 - Subtropic Zone, 8 - Equatorial-Tropic Zone

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The maps of hydrozones and thermozones divide the land surface into characteristic zones of wetting and thermal zones. Although the thermal zones in certain cases are in need of additional indices, the hydrozones agree completely with the existing ideas on the landscape of continents.

A map of the most prevalent climatypes was drawn up by combining the maps of hydro- and thermozones. The map was superposed on the map of the world (B.S.W.) and the composition of the soil types within the limits of the individual combinations of hydro- and thermozones was found by planimetry. The data obtained was grouped separately according to hydro- and thermozones; the relative distribution of soil types is shown in Figure 7. The arrangement of the main soil types of the world according to hydro- and thermozones shows the close dependence of the distribution of soils upon climatic conditions. In a number of cases, this dependence is astonishingly close. For most world soil types of the world, better than 75% correlation with climate conditions can be assumed.

The distribution of the main soil types of the world in the system of hydrothermotypes is shown in Figure 8. Thermozone I must be regarded as a zone of tundra soils. Hydrothermotypes E and EF of thermozone II can have both tundra and podzolic soils depending upon the temperature conditions of the active period. Tundra forms in thermozone II when the average temperature of the period, with average-monthly temperatures above 6° C, lies below 8.5° C. A higher temperature for this period is characteristic of podzolic soils and coniferous forests. This type of variation

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*World*  
 Fig. 7. Distribution of the Main Soil Types ~~of the world~~ according to Hydrozones (a) and Thermozones (b) (in percentages ~~per cent~~ for each individual type ~~in~~ the world soil map):

1-tundra soils, 2-pomolic soils of coniferous forests, 3-~~podzolic~~ soils of the forest-steppe, 4-brown soils of deciduous forests, 5-weakly ~~leached~~ <sup>podzolized</sup> soils of dry evergreen forests, 6-red earths and yellow earths of the sub-tropics, 7-reddish brown soils of ~~savannas~~, 8-red earths, mainly ~~podzolic~~ <sup>podzolized</sup>, 9-laterites, 10-black earths, 11-varie soils resembling black earths, 12-black soils of ~~savannas~~, 13-chestnut soils, 14-gray desert earths, light brown, and reddish brown soils of desert-steppe regions, 15-rocky and sandy desert soils

~~peculiar~~ <sup>without</sup> is also ~~peculiar~~ to hydrozone D1 <sup>exists for</sup> the limits of thermozone II and III; in these zones, tundra ~~exists for~~ low temperatures <sup>in</sup> the active period

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(below 8-9° C); while the unique "taiga (Siberian Forest) forest-steppe" exists for <sup>a higher temperature in</sup> ~~higher temperatures in~~ this period.

Hydrozones E and F have podzolic soils <sup>under the</sup> conditions of thermozones III and IV. Brown forest soils are almost exclusively ~~similar~~ <sup>peculiar</sup> to hydrothermotype E-F-V. Subtropic yellow earths and red earths exhibit the same strict adaptation to a definite hydrothermotype (E-F-VI), as do soils of equatorial forests <sup>i.e.,</sup> red earths, for the most part <sup>podzolized</sup> (E-F-VII).

Average Yearly ~~soil~~ Precipitation, millimeters

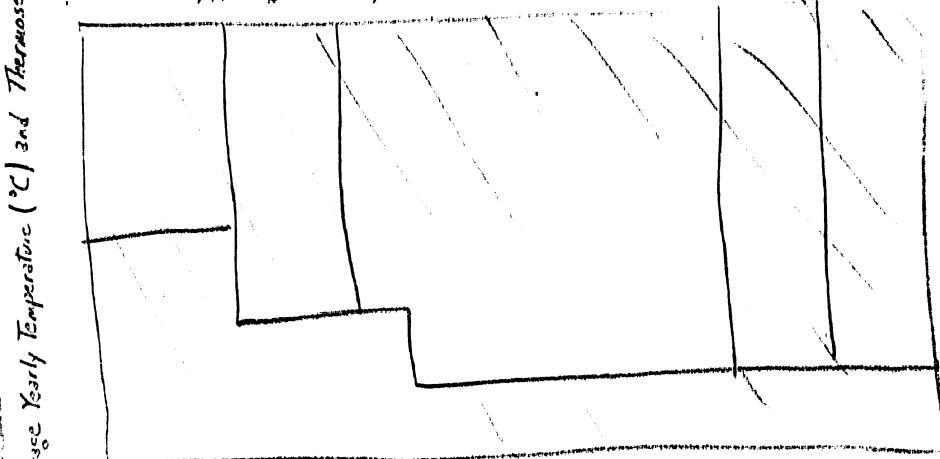


Fig. 8. Distribution of main soil types of the world in a system of hydrothermotypes.

1-sandy and rocky desert soils, 2-gray desert soils, light brown and reddish brown soils of desert-steppe regions, 3-chestnut soils, 4-chestnut (tropic) and black earths of <sup>savannas</sup>, 5-black earths, 6-<sup>podzolized</sup> soils of the forest-steppe, 7-weakly lixiated soils of evergreen forests and soils of subtropic prairies, 8-reddish brown soils of <sup>savannas</sup>, 9-red earths, mainly <sup>pod-</sup>  
~~solized~~ (and also laterites), 10-yellow earths and red earths of subtropics, 11-brown soils of deciduous forests, 12-podzolic soils of coniferous forests, 13-arctic tundra soils, 14-~~tundra~~ and tundra soils (the latter under conditions of cold active period), 15—"taiga forest-steppe" soils and tundra soils, (the latter under conditions of cold active period), 16-climatic conditions seldom or never encountered on earth's surface.

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Laterites do not have their own specific hydrothermotype but have developed ~~under~~ the same climatic conditions as red earths of equatorial forests. This observation agrees ~~completely~~ with the supposition advanced long ago by B. B. Polynov, who regarded laterites as a weathering crust.

Hydrothermotypes D-III, IV, and V should be considered as black earths. The intermediate hydrothermotype DE-IV, V is also a transitional type with ~~podsolized~~ soils of the forest-steppe. ~~As~~ an evolutionary replacement by close soil types, black earths and podzolic soils, is also possible here. Similar replacements also occur in the hydrothermotypes D <sup>and</sup> DE-VI, in which ~~leached subtropic~~ weakly ~~leached subtropic~~ soils form ~~under~~ dry evergreen forests while soils of subtropic ~~prairies~~ prairies form under grassy vegetation.

The presence of soils of different types ~~in~~ <sup>of</sup> soil formation within the limits of one hydrothermotype does not lessen the merit of the proposed system. As Vil'yams stated, "The deep interconnection and interdependence of the stages and periods <sup>"</sup> of development of the soil formation process with the development ~~of~~ <sup>sic</sup> climatic ~~processes~~ (within the limits of one climatic latitudinal belt) had long ago been clearly expressed in the static, concept of soil-climatic zones which is now clearly insufficient". Accordingly, soils representing individual stages of soil formation can be found in the conditions of each hydrothermotype.

The reddish brown soils of ~~swamps~~<sup>swamplands</sup> are very strictly adapted to hydrothermotype D <sup>and</sup> DE-VII.

**Most** The majority of chestnut soils have developed under conditions of hydrothermotypes C, CD-IV, V, and VI. Chestnut soils have also developed partly in hydrothermotypes C <sup>and</sup> CD-VII, apparently in some sort of tropical variation. The black (?) earths of ~~swamps~~<sup>sic swamplands</sup> also exist under the conditions of the latter hydrothermotypes.

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gray desert soils, light brown and reddish brown soils have developed within the limits of the semi-~~desert~~ hydrozone (II, III) and chiefly under the conditions of subtropic and tropic thermozones (VI, VII). Hydrothermo-types II, III; V, VI, ~~VII~~ describe the regions where rocky and sandy desert soils prevail.

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The main soil types known at the time ~~the~~ the World Soil Map ~~was compiled~~ are easily placed in the general system (see Table 1).

It is convenient to depict this system with the ~~obvious~~ climatic ~~relationship~~  
~~on a graph~~ hydrothermotypes which gives it a slightly different form. In the new form ~~the~~ ~~graph~~ hydrothermotypes, also shown in rectangular coordinates with the same ordinate (average-yearly temperature, °C) and ~~the~~ hydrofactor as ~~the~~ abscissa, the lines of equal precipitation are arranged in the form of a series of parallel lines with a logarithmic ratio ~~for~~ the intervals between them. This representation of the ~~system~~  
~~of hydrothermotypes~~ is advantageous in that the hydroseries in it also lie in a parallel series.

In accordance with the concept of ~~the~~ composition ~~of~~ ~~soil~~ within individual hydrothermotypes, ~~which was~~ expressed in the table and in Figure 8, a new "idealized" soil map ~~of the world~~ (Fig. 9) was drawn up on the ~~basis~~ of ~~maps~~ ~~the~~ combined hydrozones and thermozone. The latter is very ~~close~~ to the ~~soil map~~ ~~of the world~~ (Fig. 10), thereby clearly showing the correctness of the proposed ~~climatic~~ ~~pedo~~ ~~above-mentioned~~ system.

It was deemed desirable to check the correctness of ~~the~~ regularities established by an example of a more limited territory where the ~~soil~~ geography ~~of the soil~~ had been ~~studied~~ in more detail. With this purpose in mind, a map ~~of the~~ hydrothermotypes of the Soviet Union was drawn up from the map of the average-yearly temperature and the annual precipitation. Complete conformity ~~was~~ found when the map ~~of the~~ hydrothermotypes and ~~the~~ soil map

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World System of Main Soil Types of the World (Table 1)

Hydrosseries		Unwashed		Equilibrium	Washed		
Thermoseries		A, AB - Desert	B, BC - Gray Desert Soil	C, CD - Chestnut	D - Black Earth	DE - Forest-Steppe	E-F - Podsolic and Gleyey - Podsolic
VII - Tropic		A, AB - VII.		C, CD - VII - Chestnut (Tropic) and Black Earths of Savannas	D, DE - VII - Reddish-Brown Soils		E-F - VIII - Red Earths, Marly Podsolized, and Laterites
VI - Subtropic		Sandy and Gravelly Desert Soils	B, BC - VII, VI, V, IV - Gray Desert Soils, Light Brown and Reddish Brown Soils of Desert-Steppe Regions	C, CD - V, IV, VI - Chestnut Soils	D, DE - VII - Weakly-Lixiated Soils of Dry Forests and Soils of Subtropic Prairies		E-F - VI - Yellow Earths and Red Earths of the Subtropics
V - Moderate - Warm					D - V, IV, III - Black Earths	DE - V, IV - Podsolized Soils of the Forest-Steppe	EF - V - Brown Forest Soils
IV - Moderate							EF - IV, III - Podsolized Soils of Coniferous Forests
III - Moderate - Cold						DE - III, II - "Torgo" Forest-Steppe, and also Tundra Soils	
II - Subarctic							E-F - II - Podsolic and Tundra Soils
I - Arctic						DE, E-F - I - Soils of Arctic Tundra	

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Fig. 9. "Idealized" Soil Map of the World.

- 1 - Sandy and Gravelly Desert Soils (Hydrothermotypes A, AB - V, VI, VII), 2 - Gray Desert Soils, Light Brown and Reddish-Brown Soils of Desert-Steppe Regions (B, BC - IV, V, VI, VII); 3 - Chestnut Soils (C, CD - III, V, VI), 4 - Chestnut (Tropic) and Black Soils of Savannas (C, CD - VII); 5 - Black Earths (D - III, IV, VI); 6 - Podzolic Soils of the Forest-Steppe (DE - IV, V); 7 - Weakly Lixiated Soils of Dry Evergreen Forests and Soils of Sub-Tropic Prairies (D, DE - VI); 8 - Reddish-Brown Soils of Savannas; 9 - Red Earths, Mainly Podzolized, and Latertites (E-F - VII); 10 - Yellow Earths and Red Earths of Subtropics (E-F - VI); 11 - Brown Soils of Deciduous Forests (E-F - V); 12 - Podzolic Soils of Coniferous Forests (E-F - VII, VIII); 13 - Soils of the "Taiga Forest-Steppe" (DE - II, III); 14 - Tundra Soils (DE - II, III) with a Cold Active Period; 15 - Arctic Tundra Soils (DE, EF - I); 16 - Arctic Regions of Which Little is Known With Regard to Climate

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Fig. 10. World Soil Map.

- 1- Tundra Soils of Polar Regions, 2- Podsolic Soils, Mainly of Coniferous Forests, 3- Podsolized Soils of the Forest-Steppe of the Middle Latitudes, 4- Brown Soils of Deciduous Forests, 5- Weakly Lixiated Soils of Dry Evergreen Forests and Shrubs, 6- Red Earths and Yellow Earths of Damp SubTropics, 7- Reddish-Brown Soils of Savannas of Tropic Alternately Moist Regions, 8- Red Earths, Mainly Podsolized, of Equatorial Damp Forests, 9- Laterite Soils, 10- Black Earths of Steppe Regions, 11- Soils Resembling Black Earths of Prairies, 12- Black Soils of Dry Savannas, 13- Chestnut Soils of Dry Steppes, 14- Gray Desert Soils, Light Brown and Reddish-Brown Soils of Desert-Steppe Regions, 15- Sandy and Gravelly Desert Soils, 16- Mountain Soils, 17- Region of Present-Day Continental Icings

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Fig. 11. a-Schematic Soil Map of the USSR (from my out of BS.M): 1-tundra soils, 2-podzolic soils, 3-gray forest and degraded black earths, 4-black earths, 5-chestnut soils, 6-brown and gray-earth soils, 7-desert soils, 8-mountain soils; b-Schematic map ~~of Hydrothermotype~~ of the USSR: 1-DE, 2-F-1-Arctic tundras and DE-II, III-tundra soils (with a cold active period), 2-III, IV-podzolic soils, 3-ED-IV, V - ~~soils~~<sup>podzolic</sup> soils of the forest-steppe, 4-DE-II, III-soils of the "taiga forest-steppe" (with a cold active period), 5-D-IV, V-black earths, 6-C, CD-IV, V-chestnut soils, 7-CB, B-V, VI-light chestnut and gray-earth soils, 8-BA, A-VI-light gray-earth soils and sandy desert soils, 9-mountain-regions

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*etc.* compared (Fig. 11). The final purpose of the study made, however, was not just ~~to~~ the establishment of this conformity, or ~~to~~ the consideration of the world's geography of the soils of the world in themselves; the drawing up of the "idealized" map and the proof of its conformity with the real geography of the soils of the world are merely one of the methods of checking and confirming the correctness of the basic climatic dependence discovered, which is expressed in the most general form in a graph of soil hydrothermotypes.

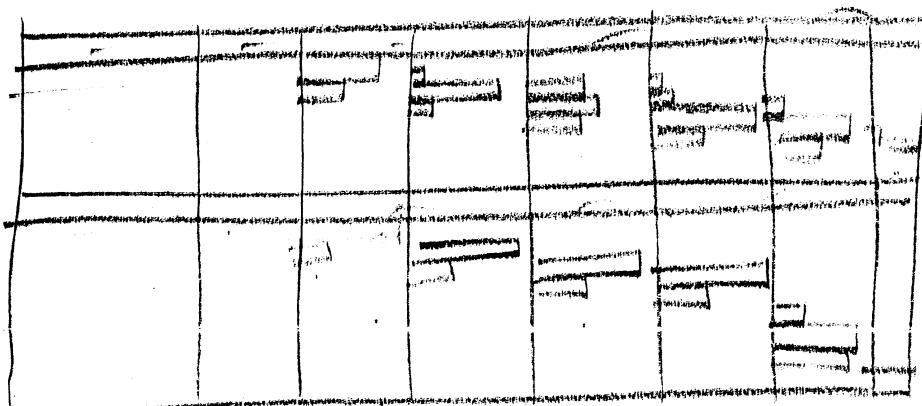
The adaptation of individual soil types and subtypes to definite hydrothermotypes can also be convincingly proven by constructing soil spectra according to hydrothermotypes (Fig. 12). Each hydrothermotype is characterized by a very definite composition of the soil cover. Although several soil types are found within the limits of separate hydrozones, somehow one of those clearly predominates, being the most prevalent at the given stage of evolution of the landscape.

It should be noted in particular that Central Yekutiya, according to the map of hydrothermotypes, is in the forest-steppe zone and not in the forest zone with podzolic soils as is usually thought. This conclusion has been confirmed by the most recent studies of the soils and vegetation of this region.

The problem arose of the relative measure of the connection between hydrothermotypes and the actual distribution of soils on the territory of the USSR compared with the connections with respect to other elements. A comparison of the soil spectra according to hydrothermotypes with phytospectra according to the equivalent soil zones shows that the coupling between hydrothermotypes and soils, on the one hand, and soils and vegetation, on the other, is exactly equal.

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*Fig 12.* Soil Spectra according to Hydrothermotypes (percentage ratio of the area of soil types within the limits of each hydrothermotype) and phytospectra according to hydrothermotypes (percentage ratio of the area under various types of vegetation) within the limits of the separate hydrothermotypes in the Soviet Union West of the Yenisey River

The study made of soil-climatic relationships demonstrated clearly the close dependence of soils upon such simple climatic characteristics as yearly precipitation and average-yearly temperature. At the same time, however, it would be incorrect to state that this dependence completely expresses the complexity and diversity of soil-climatic relationships. The climatic indices used characterize the climatic conditions only in the most general fashion. These climatic indices must be extended in future studies.

Thus, the thesis concerning the existence of a general dependence of the geographical distribution of soils upon climate obtained further development in the system of soil hydrothermotypes. This system constitutes a foundation for transferring from simple pointing to the existence of a

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and strict laws ~~of pedo-~~ ~~-climatic relationships.~~

The ~~system~~ ~~of~~ soil hydrothermotypes ~~discloses qualitative~~ ~~elements~~  
~~series in~~ ~~pedo~~ ~~climatic relationships throughout the spectrum of~~ ~~climatic~~  
~~conditions of the earth's land surface and~~ ~~also reveals~~ ~~at the same time the~~  
~~most general quantitative dependency which lies at the~~ ~~base~~ ~~of these~~  
~~relationships.~~

~~Further simplification of the characteristics of the evolution, com-~~  
position, and character of ~~the~~ soils ~~in~~ ~~various hydrothermotypes~~  
~~should be clarified~~ ~~by the method of studying~~ ~~of pedo~~ ~~for~~  
~~concreteness~~ ~~here~~ ~~individual regions (using~~ ~~more detailed soil and~~  
~~climatic maps) and by the method of studying the regular~~ ~~variations in~~ ~~the change~~  
~~of various properties~~ ~~soil~~ ~~in dependence upon the climatic conditions.~~

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